LA-METAL WILL MAKE ITS MAXIMUM APPROACH TO THE EARTH ON MARCH 13, 2000 C.E.!!

IT WILL TRANSIT BETWEEN THE EARTH AND THE MOON... TRANSIT SPEED WILL BE SEVEN MILLION SPACE KNOTS...A HORRIFIC SPEED.

THE EARTH WILL BECOME STARDUST..

IT WILL CERTAINLY BE DESTROYED. IT WILL BECOME STARDUST.

AN ILL-FATED ALIGN-MENT... AND THE EARTH?

AT THE TIME OF TRANSIT, THE POSITIONS OF THE EARTH AND MOON WILL BE LIKE THIS...

THE EARTH IS GOING TO CRACK UP?

I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHY SHE STAYS ON EARTH...

SEREN WILL CERTAINLY HAVE THIS DATA AS WELL...

THAT MEANS EVERYONE THAT'S LEFT THERE WILL DIE...EVEN SEREN...

REINFORCE THE CERAMIC WALL!!

...THAT'S RIGHT. THE FIREBALLS HAVE SLACKED OFF SOMEWHAT, BUT IT'S STILL DANGEROUS.

WE CAN HEAR EXCHANGES BETWEEN PEOPLE REMAINING ON EARTH!!

IF IT CRACKS UP IT'S OVER...BUT THEY'RE DIGGING DOWN INTO THE EARTH ANYWAY...

RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A STABLE FLOATING SECTION OF BEDROCK!!

DIG AS DEEP AS POSSIBLE. HURRY.

IF MOST PEOPLE ARE STILL ON EARTH...

YAYOI DIDN'T TELL ME THE TOTAL NUMBER...

I · HAVE · NO · IDEA

SAY, ALADDIN...HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU THINK ESCAPED IN CAVESHIPS?

IT · WAS · NOT · YOUR · FAULT · HASHIME

I JUST...DON'T FEEL GOOD ABOUT THAT...I GUESS MY FATHER WOULD BE HORRIFIED.

AND WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO WERE SAVED...

LA-METAL IS ONE MONTH AND TWO DAYS FROM REACHING MARS ORBIT.

THE EFFECT WILL CAUSE MARS TO WOBBLE.

ARE THE PLANETS ALIGNED?

THEIR ORBITAL SPEED IS STARTING TO GET JUMBLED UP!!

LA-METAL IS HAVING AN EFFECT ON EVERY PLANET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

YES

IT'S A FORCED ALIGNMENT...SAY, YOU MENTIONED THIS BEFORE, YAYOI!!

BUT WE RECEIVED A WARNING THAT IT WOULD HAPPEN WITH THE AP-PROACH THIS TIME...

THE GRAVITY OF LA-METAL IS NOT ENOUGH TO LINE UP THE PLANETS BY ITSELF.

PLANETARY ALIGNMENTS HAPPEN NATURALLY AT RANDOM.

A WARNING? FROM WHERE? WHO SENT IT?

THE MIL-LENNIAL THIEVES ARE HERE!?

GIVE THIS LETTER TO YAYOI YUKINO...IT IS FROM THE MILLENNIAL THIEVES...

HUH?

ARE YOU HASHIME AMA-MORI?

I GUESS THEY TOLD YOU IF YOU GAVE IT TO ME YOU'D UNDERSTAND.

A MESSENGER FROM THE MILLENNIAL THIEVES SENT THIS TO ME?

THIS IS THE LATEST STYLE OF INTERACTIVE LETTER-CASSETTE... YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER USED ONE.

BUT THIS OLD-STYLE CASSETTE IS SO BIG.

THAT'S RIGHT! THERE ARE MIL-LENNIAL THIEVES RIGHT HERE IN THE CAVESHIP...

YES, AND YOU? I GUESS YOU KNOW WHY I SENT A LETTER LIKE THIS?

HELLO, SEREN. ARE YOU WELL?

THIS IS A LETTER? IT'S MORE LIKE A TWO-WAY TRANSMISSION!!

INTERAC-TIVE LET-TER-CAS-SETTE!?

OH, WHAT'S UP?

I · WAS · TOLD · NOT · TO · GO

IS IT A LETTER FROM SEREN? IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO BE THERE?

COME TO MY ROOM.

UH-HUH. MANY OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN ME REMAINED.

TO TELL ME WHY YOU STAYED ON EARTH!!

EVEN IF IT BECOMES HELL, IT'S STILL THEIR HOME.

BUT WHY!! VERY SOON IT'S GOING TO CRACK UP AND BE A PLACE LIKE HELL!!

THE CHANGES IN THE CRUST AND THE VOLCANOES AND EARTH-QUAKES WILL INDEED MAKE IT A WRETCHED PLACE...

IT'S TRUE THAT LA-METAL IS APPROACHING...BUT THAT DOESN'T GUARANTEE EARTH WILL CRACK UP.

DATA? YOUR LA-METAL COMPUTER CAN'T EVEN GET THE DAY OF MAXI-MUM APPROACH RIGHT.

OUR DATA INDICATE OTHERWISE...

BUT IT WILL NOT CRACK UP!!

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YOU ARE BEING DECEIVED, SISTER!!

JUST THINK ABOUT WHAT HAS HAPPENED UP TILL NOW, AND YOU'LL FIGURE IT OUT SOON ENOUGH.

DECEIVED? BY WHOM?

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WORRY ABOUT THE PASSENGERS IN YOUR CAVESHIP!! YOU ARE MAKING A MISTAKE!!

I AM YOUR ENEMY ...INSTEAD OF WORRYING ABOUT YOUR ENEMY,

SEREN, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF... DON'T DO ANY-THING STUPID...

IT CONTAINS A DISTILLED VERSION OF ANY ANSWERS OR QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS MATTER, ALLOWING ONE TO ASK OR SAY EVERYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE SAID.

HEHHH. SO THAT'S A LET-TER...BUT IT'S NO DIFFERENT THAN TWO-WAY COMMUNICA-TION!!

GOOD-BYE, SEREN...

GOOD-BYE...SEE YOU...

IT'S IN HERE. I GUESS I SHOULD LEAVE IT ALONE. BUT GOODNESS THAT'S A RUGGED DOOR.

OH. THAT'S THE TELEPHONE, YAYOI!!

I DIDN'T! I DIDN'T! I DIDN'T OPEN IT!

DO NOT OPEN THAT, HASHIME!!

ALADDIN!!

IF · I · STAND · HERE · I · CAN · HEAR · ALL · COMMUNICATION · INSIDE · HEH · HEH · HEH · HEH

EXILED WITH INDECENT HASTE. I GUESS I'VE BEEN CAST ASIDE.

SO I'LL SEE YOU LATER IN THE CONTROL ROOM.

THAT WAS A SURPRISE.

I'M SORRY. I GOT FLUSTERED AND YELLED...

NO WAY! CAN YOU REALLY HEAR THE CONVERSATION INSIDE?

HMM...HMM... I · SEE...SO · THAT'S · IT...

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WHAT? EH...!

COME · THIS · WAY!!

WAH! WHAT!?

NO...IT'S · JUST...ACTUALLY... I · CAN'T · SAY · ONE · WORD · OF · IT...IN · OTHER · WORDS...

WHAT IS IT?

OHH...AREN'T · YOU · A · FINE · SPECIMEN...I · THINK · I'LL · GIVE · MY · BEST · FRIEND · A · KISS.

UEHHH! STOP IT, DUMBASS!

FINE. DON'T TELL ME. THERE'S NOTHING FAIR ABOUT EAVES-DROPPING. IF THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO KNOW, I'LL ASK YAYOI DIRECTLY!!

WHAT IS IT? EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE EAVESDROPPING, YOU'RE TOO EM-BARRASSED TO TELL ME ABOUT IT.

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WELL, THINGS HAVE GOTTEN PRETTY COMPLICATED I GUESS.

IT'S NOTHING, UNCLE.

WHAT'S WRONG, HASHIME? YOU LOOK CREST-FALLEN...

UH-HUH

IT'S YUMMY.

THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.

HAVE A BOWL OF RAMEN AND THINK ABOUT IT TO-MORROW.

HUMANS · ARE · GREAT...THEY · CAN · GO · TO · SLEEP · AND · FORGET · ABOUT · THINGS...

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NO...IT · IS · AS · HASHIME · SAID...I · MUST · RECONSIDER · THE · PRACTICE · OF · EAVESDROPPING

THANK YOU, ALADDIN...I KNEW YOU COULD HEAR ME. YOU ARE VERY KIND.

LA-METAL'S APPROACH VELOCITY HAS GOTTEN EVEN FASTER. UP 7.5% IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

THE GRAVITY OF THE SUN IS NOT ENOUGH TO CAUSE THIS.

WHAT COULD IT BE? HOW COULD THE SPEED HAVE INCREASED THAT MUCH? IS LA-METAL A SPACE SHIP?

SUPPOSEDLY SO. THE PROOF WAS WHEN IT PAUSED AT THE ORBIT OF PLUTO...

YAMORI, HAVEN'T YOU SUCCEEDED IN CONTROLLING THE ORBITAL SPEED OF LA-METAL?

BUT THIS...? HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED ON LA-METAL??

IT'S A LITTLE EARLY FOR THAT.

THAT IS DUE TO THE TAIL THAT IS FORMING IN THE ATMOSPHERE.

LA-METAL HAS GOTTEN BRIGHTER.

THE TAIL ALWAYS GETS LONGER AS IT APPROACHES.

? ? UNCLE!?

I'M SKIPPING OUT.

IT LOOKS LIKE A COMET.

THE ATMOSPHERIC TAIL IS EXTENDING OUT EVEN LONGER.

THIS IS NOT NORMAL...

HE'S GOING TO LIVE IN THE COMPLEX?

HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT MOVING INTO THE RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX AND SKIPPED OUT.

WHERE IS THE PRO-FESSOR?

IF A SPEND A WHILE LIVING HERE LIKE MYSELF, I CAN BUILD UP STAMINA FOR THE NEXT HULLABALOO.

SPENDING ALL MY TIME INSIDE A MACHINE WAS MAKING ME CRAZY. THIS IS FINE.

THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE COMPLEX OVER THERE DON'T SEEM TO REALIZE WE'VE LEFT EARTH.

ME TOO.

I JUST WANT LIE ABOUT FOR AWHILE A PRETEND IT'S A DREAM.

YOU MEAN... THAT TINY LARLELLA?

PLUS EVERY NOW AND THEN PEOPLE COME WHO WANT TO SEE YOU...

YOU HAVE WORK, HASHIME.

THE DIAMETER OF LA-METAL'S TAIL HAS EXPANDED TWENTY-FOLD, AND IT IS GETTING LONGER!!

WHAT ABOUT THE QUEEN!? HOW COULD SHE GO TO THE RESIDENCE COMPLEX AT TIME LIKE THIS!?

WE ARE READING MANY ARTIFICIAL FLYING OBJECTS ON LA-METAL!!

THE ATMOSPHERIC TAIL IS TWIRLING OUT STRANGELY. IT LOOKS ALMOST LIKE A WITCH'S HAIR!!

YAMORI!! THERE IS NO NEED TO FETCH YAYOI.

THERE'S NO HELPING IT!! WHAT IS SHE THINKING?

UH-HUH...THAT'S HOW I FEEL TOO.

LYING HERE LIKE THIS IT ALL SEEMS LIKE A DREAM... LA-METAL TOO...AND THE MILLENNIAL THIEVES...JUST A PEACEFUL EARTH WHERE NOTHING HAS HAPPENED.

HMM...YAMORI · IS · SEARCHING · LIKE · MAD · FOR · YAYOI...BUT · AS · FOR · ME...

YEAH, ME TOO.

I WISH I COULD STAY HERE LIKE THIS FOREVER...FOREVER...

I · CANNOT · BETRAY · MY · FRIEND...NOW · B'BYE...B'BYE

SHE'S HAVING A DATE WITH HASHIME!? WHY DIDN'T YOU GIVE HER MY MESSAGE!?

LA-METAL RESEMBLES THE SEVERED HEAD OF A WITCH WITH ITS HAIR IN DISARRAY. TERRIFYING.

WHO DOES THIS BRAT THINK SHE IS?

HASHIME IS BACK. I WANT A WORD WITH HIM. YOU SCRAM.

JUST WHERE EXACTLY DID YOU COME FROM?

THAT'S RIGHT, YAMORI. ALADDIN IS CORRECT.

MAYBE. BUT MAYBE WHAT HASHIME AND THE PROFESSOR ARE DOING IS FOR THE BEST.

COMING · ANYWAY · WHEN · ORDERED · NOT · TO · COME · TOOK · GUTS

THERE ARE A HUNDRED AND TEN HIGH-SPEED OBJECTS FLYING AHEAD OF LA-METAL!!

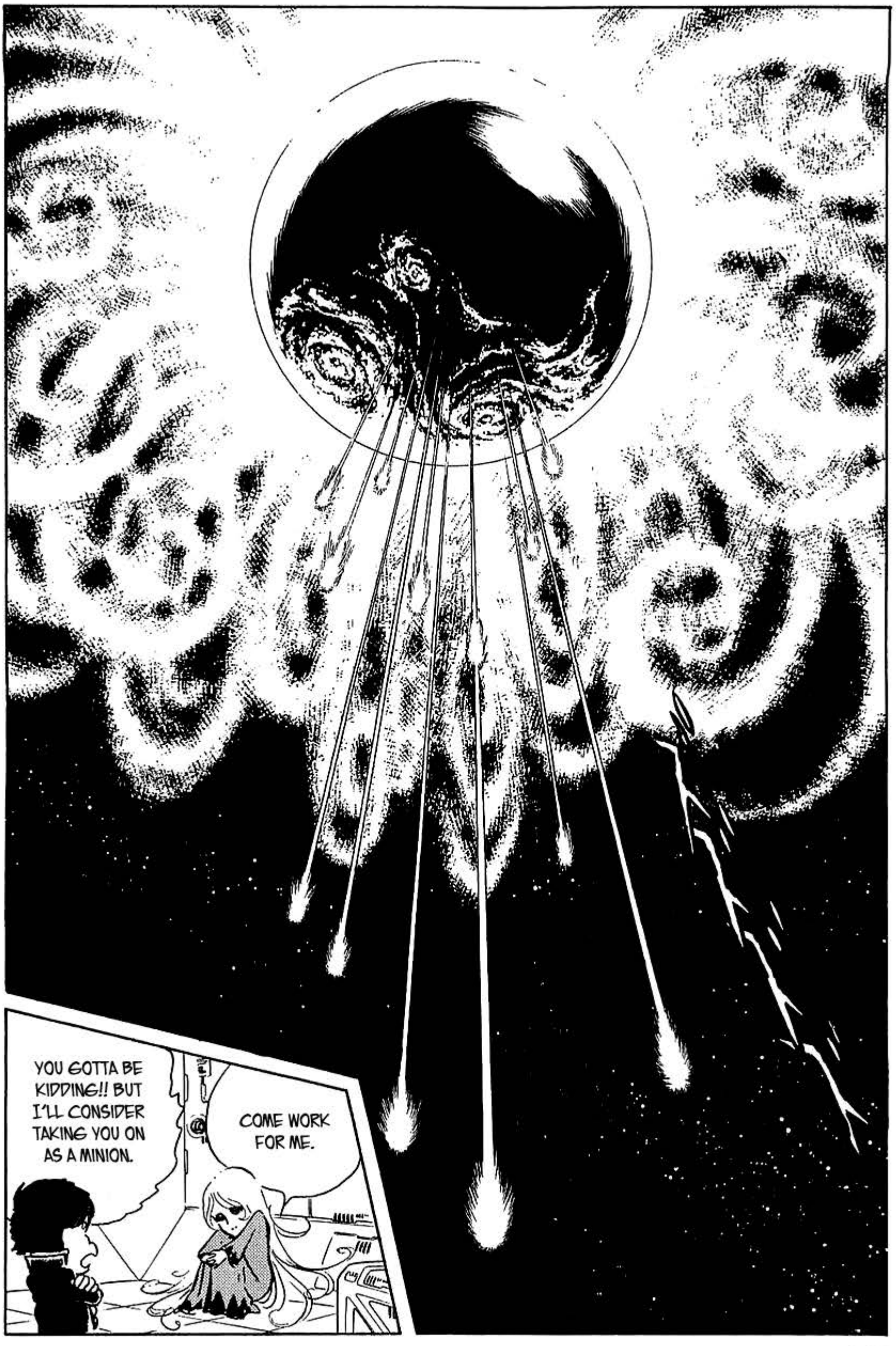
EVERY ONE IS A LARGE SHIP WITH HEAT-RESISTANT CERAMIC ARMOR PLATING.

HE'S ON A DATE.

WHERE IS HASHIME? HE CAME BACK BEFORE ME. ISN'T HE HERE?

ASKED OUT!?

HE WAS ASKED OUT BY THE PIPSQUEAK GIRL...


YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!! BUT I'LL CONSIDER TAKING YOU ON AS A MINION.
COME WORK FOR ME.

IT'S CRAZY TO TRY TO FORCE SOMEONE TO BE YOUR FRIEND!!

IF YOU DON'T MAKE FRIENDS WITH ME YOU'LL REGRET IT.

AREN'T YOU THE BRAVE ONE.

WHERE DO YOU LIVE, ANYWAY?

VERY WELL...THINK ABOUT IT UNTIL THE NEXT TIME WE MEET...VERRRY CAREFULLY.

THAT SOUNDS QUITE GRAND.

TO MY ABODE.

ME?...FU FU...I'LL BE INVITING YOU TO MY ABODE SOON.

YAYOI!!

HASHIME!! THERE YOU ARE!!

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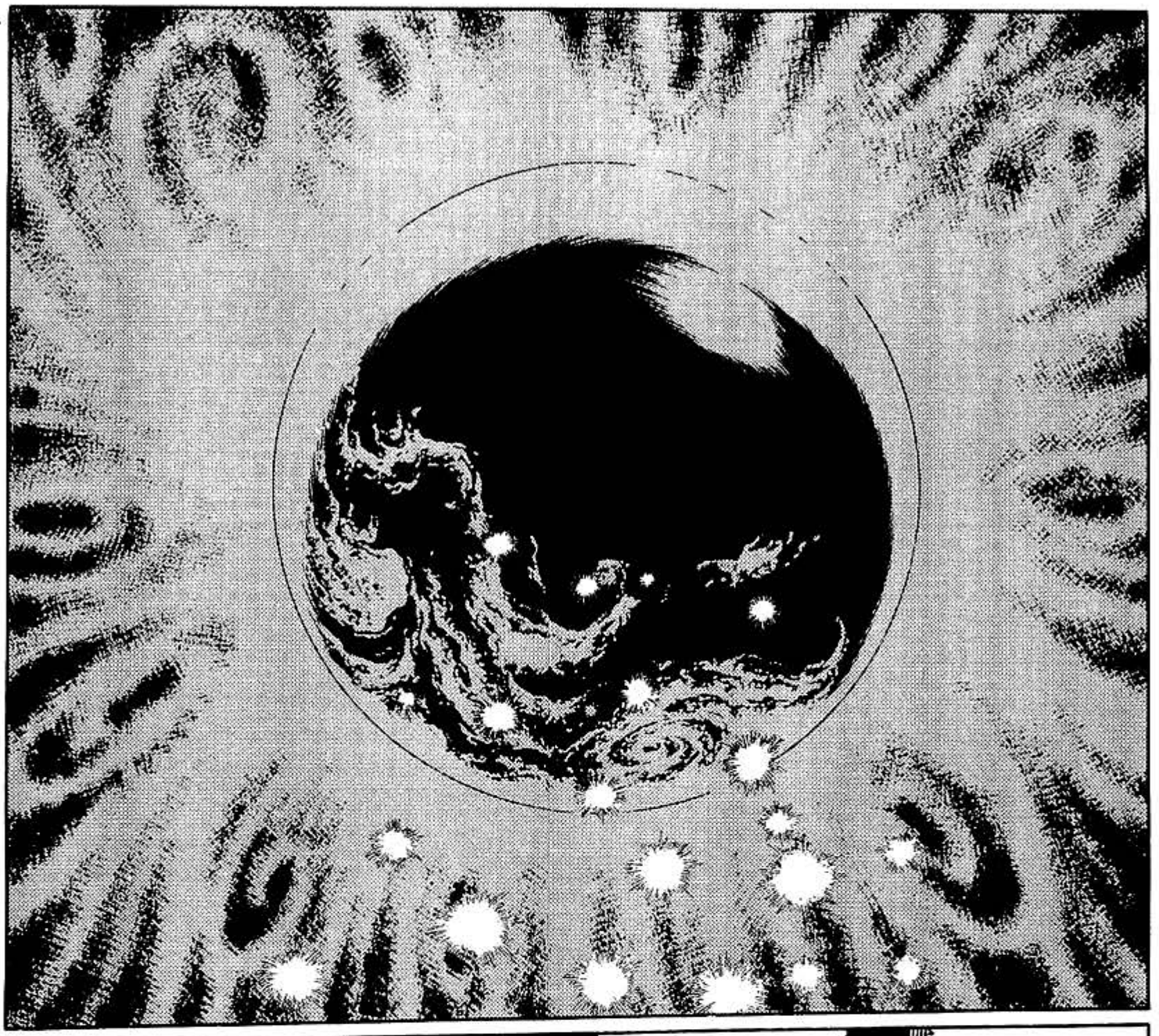
EH? SO WHERE EXACTLY DOES SHE LIVE? WHERE IS SHE COMING FROM?

IT WAS A SHADOW...THERE'S NO WAY THAT GIRL WOULD LIVE IN THIS CAVERN.

SHE DIS-APPEARED AGAIN...



COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE HIGH-SPEED FLYING OBJECTS!!
THAT!!
HARL HARL!! MAILSTAR SALUMAIL DERPEST DENTA!!
SALUMAIL ELPARSURA OHLMARS DERPEST!!

EH
THAT'S RIGHT. AND WHAT THEY SAY IS VERY WORRYING...
EHH? YOU GUYS UNDERSTAND THAT LANGUAGE!?
LISTEN TO THAT!!

I · UNDERSTAND · IT...SHALL · I · TRANSLATE · FOR · YOU · HASHIIME?

AN ELITE SQUADRON FROM EARTH?? WHAT'S THAT?

"DESTROY · THE · ELITE · SQUADRON · FROM · THE · PLANET · EARTH · THAT · APPROACHES · LA-METAL" · IS · WHAT · THEY · SAID

THROUGHOUT · LONG · YEARS · OTHER · PEOPLE * HAVE · BUILT · SHIPS · AND · LEFT · EARTH · AHEAD · OF · EVERYONE · ELSE

CAVESHIPS · ARE · NOT · THE · ONLY · SHIPS · THAT · ESCAPED · FROM · EARTH

COMMAND-ER LEOP-ARDO!!

I GUESS THE REASON COMMANDER LEOPAR-DO IS OUT IN FORCE IS TO KEEP THEM AWAY FROM LA-METAL.

I'LL STICK BY YOU. DON'T WORRY!!

I · AM · TERRIFIED · OF · COMMANDER · LEOPARDO... HE'LL · KILL · ME · IF · HE · SEES · ME.

THE MAIN FORCE OF LEOPARDO'S SPACE COMBAT COMMAND...

SO WHAT ARE THE SHIPS COMING FROM LA-METAL?

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TELL HASHIME HE MUST BECOME MY UNDER-LING...IF HE DOESN'T HE WILL DIE VERY QUICKLY... YOU'VE GOT TO CONVINCE HIM.

HUH? HASHIME WILL DIE? ?

RIGHT IN THE CENTER IS LEOPARDO'S FLAGSHIP.

A HUNDRED TWENTY SHIPS IN THE VANGUARD AND A HUNDRED IN THE REARGUARD. AND ALL OF THEM WITH WEAPONS AT FULL POWER READY FOR BATTLE.

IF HE'S KILLING THE CHOSEN PEOPLE, WHY IS HE ALLOWING US TO LIVE?

COMMANDER LEOPARDO IS GOING TO DO HIS BEST TO DESTROY ALL THE PEOPLE CHOSEN TO BE IN THE SHIPS THAT LEFT BEFORE THE CAVESHIPS...

WHAT!? THEY'RE GOING TO KILL ALL THE HUMANS IN THE ELITE SHIPS?

I JUST HEARD SOMETHING UNPLEASANT.

WHAT'S WRONG, HASHIME? YOU LOOK UNHAPPY.

IF THE PEOPLE ON LA-METAL WANT TO KILL THEM...WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE TO THE LA-METAL PEOPLE?

IT SEEMS SO.

THOSE PEOPLE ABANDONED EARTH AND ESCAPED WITHOUT US NOTICING IT.

WHY HAVE THEY HOUSED US HERE IN CAVESHIPS?

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SUDDENLY WENT PALE.

I SUDDENLY HAD A VISION OF BEING FORCED ONTO NOAH'S ARK AND TREATED LIKE A PEASANT...

TELL HASHIME HE MUST BECOME MY UNDERLING...IF HE DOESN'T HE WILL DIE...

AND THERE ARE STILL ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO ELECTED TO STAY ON THE SURFACE OF EARTH WITH ALL THE MAGMA SWIRLING AROUND ON IT...

PROFESSOR!! WHERE IS HASHIME?

HUH?

I COULDN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE.

GOOD GRACIOUS!! WASN'T HE HERE A MINUTE AGO?

AN ELE-VATOR!?

DON'T WORRY. I'M JUST GOING TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING VERY NICE.

GET IN AND DON'T RESIST.

WHAT'S THIS?

YOU CAN'T JUST SUDDENLY COMMAND SOME-ONE TO RAISE HIS HANDS!! I GUESS YOU'RE A MILLEN-NIAL THIEF!!

WRONG. NOW SHUT UP AN WALK.

THIS IS A WEIRD ROOM.

THAT'S RIGHT. IT IS THE SAME TYPE OF TELEPORTING COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE. A TELEPHONE.

THIS...IS LIKE IN YAYOI'S ROOM...

WHAT HAPPENED? THIS IS A WEIRD FEELING.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME?

NOW JUST STAND THERE AND DON'T COMPLAIN.

I'M TELEPORT-ING YOU TO A FRIGHTENING PLACE TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING GREAT.

WAH